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10/29/02AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 06/04/02, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (amended) A method of manufacturing a circular optical storage disc, comprising:
  - providing a substrate with a first surface and a periphery;
  - and
  - providing a coating on the first surface by applying a liquid, rotating the substrate, and solidifying the liquid; and
  - wherein:
    - when applying the liquid onto the first surface, the substrate is present in a separate extension body;
    - the extension body having substantially circumferentially contact with the periphery of the substrate;
    - the extension body having a surface substantially flush with the first surface of the substrate; and
    - after at least partial solidification of the liquid, the extension body and the substrate are separated.
2. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a circular shape.
3. (amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said extension body has an outer periphery which has a polygonal shape.